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Religious and Charitable Endowments

Alleged nominations to temple committees in spite of electoral rolls.

*499 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names and number of temple committees in respect of which electoral rolls are ready and to which he has made nominations instead of elections; and

(*b*) the reasons for this course?

A.—(*a*)
1. Bellary District Temple Committee.
2. Chittoor ,,
3. Ganjam ,,
4. Guntur ,,
5. Kistna ,,
6. Kurnool ,,
7. Kumbakonam Circle Temple Committee (Tanjore district).
8. Nellore District Temple Committee.
9. Trichinopoly Circle ,, } Trichinopoly district.
10. Turaiyur Circle ,, } Trichinopoly district.
11. Ariyalur Circle ,, } Trichinopoly district.

(*b*) The reason in most cases was the inability of the committees to meet the expenses of elections and in the remainder the impossibility of holding elections in time so that the elected members might assume office on the expiry of the term of the committees.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*) of this question may I know in how many of these cases the reason is the inability of the committees to meet the expenses of elections and in how many cases for want of time to hold elections before the expiry of the term of members holding office at the time?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I am afraid I will have to ask for notice, Sir."

Medical

Construction of a hostel for the Madras Medical College.

*500 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that for several years past, the question of constructing a hostel for the Madras Medical College, has been under the consideration of the Government; if so, for what reasons it is being delayed or postponed;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the students of the Medical College are put to a lot of difficulty for want of healthy and convenient quarters for their accommodation; and

(*c*) whether the Government have made any provision in the next budget for the same; if not, whether they will be pleased to consider the matter at once?

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A.—(*a*) The question had to be held in abeyance for a long time pending the decision of the question of the removal of the General Hospital and the Medical College to another site. This having been decided, the Government sanctioned last year the construction of a hostel for 222 students on the site of the old lascar lines in Vepery, at an approximate cost of Rs. 2,96,100. The land has been acquired from the Military Department and funds have been provided for the buildings in the current year's budget. The Surgeon-General has proposed a revised design for the hostel and this is now under consideration. A hostel for lady students has been in use since July 1927.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Please see the answer to clause (*a*). Necessary provision will be made for the work in the budget for 1929–30.

Public Health

Prevalence of cholera and malaria in Kurnool district.

*501 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the fact that in the Kurnool district while still cholera has not subsided, malarial fevers have been growing extensively;

(*b*) whether he will call for a report immediately; and

(*c*) whether in the meanwhile he will order the issue of quinine free, as a temporary measure, for this season to be distributed by such agencies as the Government may approve as the Health Officers, Health Inspectors, Presidents, Local Boards, Chairmen, Municipalities, Members of Legislatures, Recognized Missionary Doctors, etc.?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following statement shows the total mortality from fever in the Kurnool district, during the months of January to July in 1927 and 1928.

Months.	Deaths from fevers during 1927.	1928.
January	1,038	1,147
February	1,038	985
March	949	1,414
April	1,046	1,749
May	1,060	1,640
June	956	1,157
July	1,180	1,270

Figures are not available regarding the number of deaths from different kinds of fevers. As a result of the enquiries made by his Department the Director of Public Health has reported that the high incidence of fevers in the district during 1928 was due to the prevalence of a mild form of influenza.

(*c*) During the current year the Government have sanctioned a scheme for the free distribution of quinine in certain specially malarial tracts. The Koilkuntla taluk has been included in the scheme. The question of extending the scheme to other specially malarious areas will be considered if the results of the free distribution are found to be beneficial.

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